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WARNING: JUROR SCAMS RETURN
Bogus Phone Calls on Jury Service May Lead to Fraud

The District Court of Guam is announcing that in various parts of the United States, citizens are being targeted by phone calls and threatened with prosecution for failing to comply with jury service in federal or state courts.

In the calls, the threat of a fine for evading jury service is used to coerce those called into providing confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. **These calls are not from real court officials.**

Federal courts do not require anyone to provide any sensitive information in a telephone call. Most contact between a federal court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. Mail, and any phone contact by real court officials will not include requests for social security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other sensitive information.

Jury duty is a vital civic responsibility and should be taken seriously by all citizens. However, it is a crime for anyone to falsely represent himself or herself as a federal court official. The federal judiciary takes seriously such an offense.

Persons receiving such a telephone call should not provide the requested information, and should notify the Clerk of Court's office of the District Court of Guam, at 473-9100. When in doubt as to the legitimacy of the phone call, please call the court directly at 473-9100.